

# Drumline Live Holiday Spectacular

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# DRUMLINE LIVE *Holiday Spectacular*

The DRUMLine Live Holiday Spectacular takes you on an unforgettable musical journey through the most beloved chart-topping holiday classics. Imagine the festive sounds of holiday cheer combining Gospel, Jazz, Soul, Motown rhythms, and The Nutcracker Suite mixed with a hip-hop beat and the driving force of an Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band. You have to see the *DRUMLine Live Holiday Spectacular* to experience the magic and musicianship!

DRUMLine Live's dazzling vocalists and talented musicians, coupled with energetic choreography, spectacular lighting, and beautiful holiday costumes, make this Holiday Spectacular one of the coolest, most exciting, and dynamic shows EVER!! Wait until you see our show-stopping unique version of "The Little Drummer Boy," highlighted by the creative sights and sounds of the HBCU drumline. From the modern sounds of Mariah Carey's #1 holiday hit, "All I want for Christmas Is You," Ariana Grande's, "Santa Tell Me," and Justin Bieber's "Mistletoe," to the classic favorites, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Santa Clause is Coming to Town," and "Jingle Bells," this rockin' Holiday Spectacular will have audiences around the globe dancing in the aisles. Our incredible musicianship and talented performers will fill you with holiday cheer from the first tap of the drum to the very last song of the show!

The *DRUMLine Live Holiday Spectacular* comes direct from Producer, Don P. Roberts and the extraordinary musical team behind 20th Century Fox's hit movie, *Drumline*, and VH1's *Drumline: A New Beat*. DRUMLine Live's soulful renditions of your favorite holiday songs are guaranteed to fill your heart with joy.

## PROGRAM NOTES

### IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanza, the holiday season is regarded by many people as "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." The opening scene will immediately give you Holiday Cheer!!

### HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

The title says it all. Here Comes Santa Claus! However, our Santa will be holding an HBCU drum major baton as he shares the joy of giving.

### FROM CHRISTMAS TO HANUKKAH TO KWANZA

Our DRUMLine Live instrumentalists and vocalists will take you on a musical journey and history lesson that will expand your holiday horizon beyond your wildest dreams.

### MOTOWN FAVORITES

Motown was known for putting out top hits for rhythm and blues music in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. They also had one of the most popular Christmas albums of all-time. We hope you enjoy our Motown Salute.

### ORNAMENTS

Check out our Holiday Lighting Show filled with flashy stick work as our drummers perform cadences to some of the top holiday hits.

### *Intermission*

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## THIS GRINCH HAS SWAG

This scene is dedicated to all the “Grinches” in the audience who thought they were attending just another holiday concert. It’s time to swing and swag.

## HBCU DRUMMER BOY

What would a holiday show be without “The Little Drummer Boy?” Luckily, you don’t have to worry about that. We’ve got “The Little Drummer Boy,” the HBCU Drummer Boy, and more!

## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS...

Sometimes the holiday season simply makes you want to sing and dance, especially when you get the gifts or love that you have always wanted.

## JOY TO THE WORLD

It’s a DRUMLine Live tradition to encore and exit while showcasing jazz musicianship at its best. It’s time for everybody to join the parade and party in the aisles with the DRUMLine Live Band as we perform “Joy to the World”... HBCU Style!



## Don P. Roberts

Director, Playwright, Musical Director

### Biography

Mr. Don P. Roberts, M.M.ED. served as the Executive Band Consultant for the Twentieth Century Fox hit movie, *Drumline*. He was responsible for training the actors, writing the precision drills, rehearsing the band, etc. As the chief band consultant, he played a vital role in the making of *Drumline* and its success. The movie received national and international acclaim. In 2003, it was nominated by the NAACP as “Most Outstanding Motion Picture.” It was also nominated for an “American Choreography Award” for outstanding achievement in a feature film. Most recently, Mr. Roberts was appointed as the Executive Band Consultant for the VH-1 and Fox Television Studios movie, *Drumline: A New Beat*, which is the long awaited sequel to *Drumline*. The movie premiered on VH-1 in October 2014 and was nominated for “Best Music Supervision” for Television: Long Form and Movies, by the Guild of Music Supervisors.

Mr. Roberts’ theatrical leadership experience includes a long and successful tenure as the Director, Playwright, and Musical Director of the critically acclaimed theatrical production, *DRUMLine Live*, which toured all across the US, Japan, and Korea from 2008-2013. The *DRUMLine Live* tour was managed by Columbia Artist Management Incorporated (CAMI). *DRUMLine Live* worked in collaboration with the Creative Booking Agency (CBA) in preparation for the 2017 Tour. As a director, musician, consultant, and playwright, Mr. Roberts has worked extensively with some of the premiere theatrical and movie directors and producers in America. In 1996, he worked with Emmy Award-winner Kenny Ortega in preparation for the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. Ortega is best known for directing *High School Musical*, *Hocus Pocus*, and the Michael Jackson movie, *This Is It* as well as choreographing *Dirty Dancing*. During the 1996 Olympics Mr. Roberts also worked with 15 time Emmy Award-winning director and producer, Don Mischer. Mr. Mischer’s recent works include producing and/or directing the 83rd, 84th, and 85th Academy Awards. In addition to working with *Drumline* and *Drumline: A New Beat* Hollywood movie directors, Charles Stone and Billie Woodruff, Mr. Roberts worked extensively with the Walt Disney Company’s Marilyn Magness in preparation for the inaugural year of the theatrical production, *DRUMLine Live*.

Some of Mr. Roberts’ other accomplishments include his role as the Associate Producer and Executive Band Consultant for the ESPN television series, *The Battle*, which featured some of America’s best Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching bands. The five-series weekly show debuted in the fall of 2010. In 2009, Mr. Roberts served as the Musical Director and Executive Band Consultant for the “Black College Football Xperience” video game by Neriized Game Studios (bcfxgame.com). Mr. Roberts also choreographed the drills and routines for the popular Nature’s Own Whitewheat Bread commercial which featured marching bands and debuted during the 2005 Super Bowl. In 2005, Mr. Roberts also worked as the Executive Band Consultant on the Missy Elliot hit song, “Bad Man,” from her album, *The Cookbook*.

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## CAST

Name	Instrument/Role	Hometown
<b>Don P. Roberts</b>	<b>Artistic Director</b>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
Jacques Bell	Director/Sax	Atlanta, Georgia
Brian Snell	Musical Director/Drum Major	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Larry Allen	Percussion Director/Trumpet	Houston, Texas
Slater Thorpe	Host and Narrator	Atlanta, Georgia
Naderah Munajj	Dance Captain	Miami, Florida
Aheisha Duke	Trumpet/Vocalist	Dallas, Texas
Honesty Brennan	Trumpet/Vocalist	Atlanta, Georgia
Sheldon Quick	Trumpet	Jacksonville, Florida
Rhandall Jackson	Trumpet	Atlanta, Georgia
Brian Riviere	Trumpet	Atlanta, Georgia
Reuben Ahukanna	Trombone	Durham, North Carolina
Mychal Moss	Trombone	Macon, Georgia
Matthew Asraf	Trombone	Atlanta, Georgia
Tina Rose	Trombone/Vocalist	Atlanta, Georgia
Dashon Hayes	F-Horn	Tallahassee, Florida
Marie Rogers	F-Horn	Atlanta, Georgia
Austin Patterson	Baritone	Atlanta, Georgia
Tyler Houston	Alto Sax	Atlanta, Georgia
Kadeem Chamber	Sousaphone	Atlanta, Georgia
Michael Jones	Sousaphone	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Jason Price	Percussion	Atlanta, Georgia
Hollywood Wesley	Percussion	Mobile, Alabama
Maurice Mosley	Percussion	Houston, Texas
Dasmyn Grigsby	Percussion	Atlanta, Georgia
Brandon Forrest	Percussion	Atlanta, Georgia
Coley Gilchrist	Dancer/Vocalist	Atlanta, Georgia
Kayla Cox	Dancer/Vocalist	West Palm Beach, Florida
Taya Bluett	Dancer	Atlanta, Georgia
Tadria Allen	Dancer	Charlotte, North Carolina
Cormesha Johnson	Swing	Atlanta, Georgia

